

4, including 2 children, killed in accident

AMMAN (I.T.) — Four people, including two children, were killed in an accident on the Mafrak-Irbid road when the car they were travelling in was hit by a trailer-truck, the Civil Defence Department (CDD) said Friday. Seven other passengers in the Mercedes-Benz car were injured, a CDD statement said. Musa Ramazan Khalaf, the driver of the Syrian-licensed plane trailer-truck which hit the car while overtaking it, fled the scene of the accident but was arrested in Irbid, the statement said. The dead were identified as Omar Hussein Obeidat, 45, assistant district governor of Ajloun, his wife Hind, 30, and daughter Wala, 6, and Majid, 1. The driver of the car, Mohammad Hussein Obeidat, who was also injured, and the rest of the passengers were all from the Obeidat family. The wounded were rushed to Ramtha hospital suffering from medium injuries, and two of them were later admitted to the Princess Basma hospital in Irbid.

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U.S. says Iraqi army moving, warns Baghdad

Iraq asserts troop movements its own business; Kuwait 'alert,' expects U.S. help

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States on Friday accused Iraq of threatening Kuwait with a buildup of troops and mechanized divisions and said it was prepared to respond "to any act of aggression."

President Bill Clinton said he was taking "precautionary steps" to respond to the alleged buildup.

"They should not be misled into thinking they can repeat the mistakes of the past," Mr. Clinton warned.

"We are taking the necessary steps as a precaution to deal with this issue," Mr. Clinton said at a news conference. He said he would not immediately discuss details of the action.

Officials said the United States was sending an aircraft carrier towards the Gulf region in response to the movement of Iraqi troops towards Kuwait.

The officials, who asked

not to be named, said that U.S. army troops had been put on alert and were ready to link up with pre-positioned equipment in Kuwait on short notice.

Britain said it was sending a frigate into Kuwait.

Iraqi opposition groups claimed Baghdad was apt to attempt a repeat of its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

A leading dissident said the move followed a "widespread" uprising within the armed forces which was aimed at overthrowing President Saddam but was suppressed.

The British Foreign Office said in a statement that it was following the reports and warned Baghdad: "Any action in contravention of U.N. Security Council resolutions would be a grave error of judgement."

Iraq refused to confirm or deny the reports of troop movements near the Kuwaiti

border, saying army operations within Iraqi borders were its own business.

"Iraq is not obliged to account for the movements of its army, its deployment and its activities," the Information Ministry said in a statement.

He said the United States remains committed to U.N. resolutions against Iraq.

Questioned about the action, Mr. Clinton repeatedly cautioned against inflaming the issue, but added, "If it would be a grave mistake for Saddam Hussein to believe that for any reason the United States has weakened its resolve on any issues that involved us in that conflict just a few years ago."

Asked whether he believed his foreign policy failures had encouraged Iraq to test U.S. resolve, Mr. Clinton pointed to the resumption of nuclear talks with North Korea after threatened U.S. sanctions and U.S. progress towards restoring democracy in Haiti.

"In the case of Haiti, I think it is absolutely apparent to everybody that it was the literal imminence of the military invasion which is leading to a peaceful transfer of authority there," he said.

"It plainly was the result largely of the credible threat of force that a diplomatic solution permitting that threat of force to be instituted into the country in a peaceful, rather than a warlike, manner, that resulted," he explained.

"So if those are the examples, I would think that Saddam Hussein would draw exactly the reverse conclusion than the one you outlined," he said.

Reports from Kuwait said U.S. military reinforcements were expected in Kuwait within hours.

The Kuwaiti defence ministry called up reservist soldiers on Friday.

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Israeli army ready with plan for Golan

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The Israeli army recommends a withdrawal on the occupied Golan Heights that would relinquish most of the plateau and Jewish settlements but keep cliffs overlooking Israel, the Haaretz newspaper said on Friday.

The newspaper published what it said were recommendations presented by the general staff to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The reported plan falls short of Syria's insistence on a full Golan pull-out in return for peace.

Spokesmen for the army and Mr. Rabin declined comment.

Under the proposal, the Israeli army would move to a north-south line stretching from a section of strategic Mount Hermon along the Jordan River to the Sea of Galilee.

A map in Haaretz showed Israel would hold on to a two-to-six-kilometre wide band along the line, including cliffs overlooking the Jewish state. At its widest point, the Golan stretches about 25 kilometres.

Israeli opponents of a full withdrawal have cited Syrian shelling from the cliffs, prior to the 1967 Middle East war in which they were captured, as a main reason for keeping part of the Golan.

About 13,000 Israelis and 18,000 Syrians live on the Heights.

The reported plan puts the largest Jewish settlement on the Golan, Katsir, inside Syrian territory. But it leaves Israel in control of the Hamra hot spring tourist resort and kibbutz Afiq along a strategic junction in the south.

In three years of largely deadlocked talks with Syria, Israel has refused to specify the withdrawal it is willing to make on the Golan.

Israeli leaders say they first want to hear details of the peace Syria envisions. Israel wants full diplomatic relations, open borders and trade ties.

"The Syrian and Israeli opening positions are far apart from one other," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio in an interview broadcast on Friday.

Mr. Peres said U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher would make a "supreme effort" to end the stalemate when he begins a new Middle East peace mission on Sunday.

A senior Israeli official said Friday he supported a total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan in return for peace with Syria.

Yuri Lubrani, coordinator

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3 killed in Hebron in a week

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian who tried to stab a soldier on Friday in the West Bank City of Hebron, an army spokeswoman said.

"An Arab attacked a soldier with a knife, and troops then shot and killed the Arab," the spokeswoman said.

She said it was not known if the soldier was injured.

Palestinian sources said the incident occurred near the Ibrahimi Mosque, where a Jewish settler was massacred more than 30 Palestinian worshippers last February.

The shooting raised to three the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli soldiers in violence in Hebron in the last week.

The Israeli news agency Itim reported Thursday that the mosque would reopen on Oct. 31.

A bomb exploded Friday in the southern city of Beer Sheba without causing casualties or damage, police said shortly after another bomb was discovered and defused here.

The device had been placed near the Muslim cemetery, police said.

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Sharaa delivers letter to Clinton, insists on complete Golan pullout

WASHINGTON (Agencies)

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa hand-delivered a letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton from Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on Friday reaffirming Syria's commitment to peace.

Mr. Sharaa emerged from a meeting with Mr. Clinton to say Mr. Assad's letter pledged that "Syria would work closely with the United States as a co-sponsor (of Middle East peace talks) to accelerate the peace process and to achieve a just and comprehensive peaceful settlement in the region."

Mr. Sharaa reiterated that full withdrawal by the Israelis from the Golan Heights was essential to achieving Mideast peace.

"On your land, you cannot compromise," Mr. Sharaa said. "As long as there be any sort of occupation, then the other elements for peace, the other requirements for peace, cannot be met."

Syria's "commitment (to peace) should not be questioned," Mr. Sharaa said at a news conference later. He also said Syria would not attend an economic conference with Israel and Arab states in Morocco at the end of the month or other regional meetings with Israel until

peace is achieved.

He did not provide any details about the "warm peace" he is reported to have held out to Israel.

Syria is demanding the return of all of the Golan Heights.

Mr. Sharaa said the peace formula must be "total peace for total withdrawal."

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Mr. Sharaa reiterated that full withdrawal by the Israelis from the Golan Heights was essential to achieving Mideast peace.

He added that most, if not all, Israelis believe that without full withdrawal from the Golan there can be no peace with Syria. Many of them are also convinced that without peace with Syria, there will be no peace generally or even peace in the region."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher flies to Israel on Saturday to begin his fifth round of shuttling between Israel and Syria since May. He has said he does not anticipate any breakthroughs.

He has said he hopes to "bridge the considerable gap" between Israel and Syria to reach an accord that

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Cedras resisting pressure to leave Haiti

PONT-AU-PRINCE (Agencies) — Haitian strongman Raoul Cedras is resisting intense pressure from the United States to leave Haiti after stepping down next week, close associates said.

U.S. embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager repeats at nearly every press briefing that the army chief is not obliged to leave Haiti under an agreement signed last month. But he stresses General Cedras' departure would ease the process of bringing back exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

One U.S. source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Thursday the United States would be willing to help Gen. Cedras leave, if necessary.

Cedras associates, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, say the 45-year-old general is influenced by his forceful wife, Yannick, who is adamant they remain in Haiti, and by Gen. Philippe Biamby, a fellow coup

leader who also is expected to step down Oct. 15.

With an army that feels betrayed by his decision to abdicate and a widely hostile populace, staying put appears to be a risky strategy. If they are pushed out, family sources say they would prefer to go to Spain, where relatives live.

Spanish Foreign Minister Javier Solana said Spain had received no request from Gen. Cedras for entry, and was vague about whether such a request would be granted. "Spain prefers to be part of the solution of the problem and not part of the problem," Mr. Solana said.

Also Thursday, the lower house of Haiti's parliament unanimously passed an amnesty bill that was part of the deal struck last month between the Haitian coup leaders and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter to avert a U.S. invasion. The measure goes to the Senate.

On Monday, U.S. troops sent to Haiti on Sept. 19 to prepare for Aristide's return stormed FRAPH headquarters in Port-au-Prince and arrested more than two dozen members.

The U.S. Senate, meanwhile, told President Bill Clinton it wants a statement from him within seven days on the national security objectives of U.S. troops in Haiti and called for their withdrawal "as soon as possible."

And Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director James Woolsey denied the U.S. intelligence agency was involved last year in creating a right-wing militia that tortured and killed scores of pro-democracy activists.

During his years as a parish priest in the 1980s, Mr. Aristide strongly attacked the CIA and the Reagan and Bush administrations for backing Haiti's then-military rulers. After his 1990 election, however, Mr. Aristide moderated his anti-U.S. rhetoric.

Hundreds of Aristide supporters took to the streets of Port-au-Prince Friday in their first show of force since U.S. troops cracked down on paramilitary opponents.

The marchers assembled at

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Kingdom calls for world effort in advancing 'peace education'

GENEVA (Petra) — Jordan's permanent representative to the United Nations' European headquarters here, Fawaz Sharaf, on Friday stressed the importance of international cooperation in advancing "peace education", which seeks to enhance principles of human rights, democracy and international understanding and cooperation.

Addressing the 44th session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) international education conference, Dr. Sharaf said the world faces great challenges as it approaches the 21st century. These challenges stem from social and educational systems, he said.

"To face up to them, the international community needs to develop its educational and cultural policies to respond to the requirements of the new era."

Educational policies, said Dr. Sharaf, should seek to achieve human development, enhance self-identity, respect

for human rights and peoples participation.

He added that education should also help develop new values capable of achieving a balance between spiritual and material values, and fostering principles of tolerance and better understanding among peoples.

Educational policies should also strengthen the humanitarian, global and democratic dimensions of culture and should encourage dialogue and interaction among nations, he said.

Dr. Sharaf noted that the Jordanian society is undergoing a process of social and cultural change, aimed at strengthening institutional systems, and enhancing principles of justice and public participation in human development efforts.

He said the Jordanian Constitution has ensured equality in rights and duties, as well as in job opportunities and education, and secured basic freedom, including freedom of opinion, thought and belief.



INSPECTING PROCEDURES: Interior Minister Salameh Hammad Friday inspects crossing procedures at King Hussein Bridge at the Jordan River. Mr. Hammad said his visit to the bridge was part of the government's efforts to facilitate travel procedures to and from the

West Bank. He explained that foreigners wishing to cross to the West Bank no longer need to obtain a special permit from the Ministry of Interior, but can proceed directly to the bridge, where they can obtain the required travel permit (Petra photo)

Radiologists to review advances in technology

By Rima Cortbawi
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The third scientific meeting of the Jordanian Radiological Society, to be held Oct. 10-14 at the King Hussein Medical Centre, "marks another sure step towards maintaining high standards in radiology," said Kamal Shalan, president of the society.

Since its discovery in 1895 by William Conrad Roentgen, radiology has revolutionised medicine.

This German physicist first observed the effect of an unknown radiation that he later called X-rays while conducting a laboratory experiment, according to Dr. Shalan. This sheer coincidence led to the science of X-rays (called roentgenology) which has contributed tremendously to medical technology.

Nowadays, radiology employs the use of X-rays, gamma rays, ultrasound and magnetic resonance in diagnostic imaging.

"Although this special field of medicine does not get enough recognition, most other fields rely primarily on radiology for diagnosis before appropriate treatment can be followed," said Dr. Shalan.

Imaging is needed to detect fractures, cancer, infections, diseases, dislocations, atrophies, tumours, traumas and developmental abnormalities, according to Dr. Shalan.

As well as imaging all the bones of the body, X-rays are used in imaging soft tissues, obtaining coloured (contrast) investigations of the body organs like kidneys, stomach, intestines, veins and arteries. "Also, computed tomography (CT) — utilising X-rays, since its development in the mid-70s, presented a major milestone in diagnostic medicine as it enabled radiologists to view the inside of the human brain and all other body organs," said Dr. Shalan.

Unlike X-ray applications, the use of gamma rays in

nuclear medicine involves internal irradiation of the human body target tissues by injection of a certain radioactive material. "Detection of the emitted radiation is then employed to picture the internal body parts," said Dr. Shalan.

Having flourished mainly in the 60s, this method was mostly used to test the proper functioning of body organs, according to Dr. Shalan.

Ultrasonics are basically utilised for studying abdominal organs and the brain, but not bones.

"Being so far considered safe, ultrasound employment in obstetrics is favourable because it is not a form of radiation, and on this basis, unlikely to cause any related harm to body tissues," said Dr. Shalan.

However, high resolution imaging is best obtained by using magnetic resonance (MR) which surpasses all other methods for viewing the brain spine, in addition to its use in imaging all other body organs, according to Dr. Shalan.

The first qualified radiologist in Jordan was Ahmad Abu Koura, who, according to Dr. Shalan, specialised in the U.K. during the late 40s. "And since then, this discipline has been very successful in catching up with and following up on recent developments abroad," said Dr. Shalan.

C.T. machines were brought to the country around 1976, and modern MR imaging machines are available in several medical institutions such as the King Hussein Medical Centre, the Islamic Hospital and Al Khalidi Hospital.

During the conference, seven lectures from the U.S., the U.K. and Sweden will discuss modern advances in radiological technology and diagnostic imaging. "Recent valuable medical information will be shared by experts in their fields. This is vital for ensuring high standards of medical facilities in the country," Dr. Shalan concluded.

HUDD delegation leaves to Abu Dhabi

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation, led by Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) Director Youssef Hiyasat, left for Abu Dhabi Friday evening to take part in a preparatory meeting for a United Nations Habitat conference to take place in 1996.

The delegation will present a working paper dealing with decentralisation and the role of municipalities in local government, Mr. Hiyasat told the Jordan Times earlier Friday.

The Abu Dhabi meeting which is attended by Arab delegations is the second Arab preparatory meeting for the Habitat conference which is scheduled to be held in Turkey, he said.

The first was held last March. Another preparatory meeting was held at the international level in Geneva last April, according to Mr. Hiyasat.

At the five-day Abu Dhabi event, opening Sunday, the Arab delegations are expected to seek a collective stand to be adopted at the Turkey conference concerning housing, sustainable development and the environ-

ment, said the HUDD director.

He said that in Turkey, participants will discuss Habitat issues of the next two decades in view of the recent reports on the miserable housing situation worldwide.

He added that reports have indicated that more than a billion people in the world lack proper housing, more than 100 million have no shelter whatsoever and most cities of the world suffer from population inflation compounded by poor municipal and other basic services.

Mr. Hiyasat's departure to the Abu Dhabi meeting coincided with the announcement by HUDD plans to carry out the second phase of the Abu Nuseir housing estate for government employees.

The announcement said that 400 dunums of land will be utilised to build the units adding that HUDD will build infrastructure as well as social services and community centre buildings at a total cost of JD 1 million.

HUDD said that after completion of the infrastructure, land will be offered for sale to government employees to build homes.

Pakistani trade delegation arrives to explore Jordanian market

By Rima Cortbawi
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A Pakistani trade delegation arrived in Amman Friday to meet with private sector industrialists and investors.

The group is scheduled to meet with the Chamber of Industry, Chamber of Commerce, Jordan Export and Development Corporation and the investment board.

Pakistan wants to examine the Jordanian market for the possibilities of exporting non-traditional products to the Kingdom, said Shawkat Mukaddam, first secretary of the Pakistani embassy here.

Pakistan's exports to Jordan consist mainly of rice, textiles, "industrial" oils, sugar and sugar by-products as well as leather goods. Its annual volume of

trade with Jordan is approximately \$12 million.

According to Mr. Mukaddam, Pakistani statistics show that exports from the country that landed at Aqaba during 1993 were worth \$63 million, including transshipments to neighbouring countries.

Pakistan also wishes to increase bilateral trade with Jordan, said Mr. Mukaddam, who noted the Kingdom's increasing regional importance in the wake of the progress made in the almost three-year-old Arab-Israeli peace process.

"This region is going to be economically prosperous," Mr. Mukaddam said. "So we wish to establish an ongoing process that will lead to greater trade and investment."

The delegates will be in Amman from October 7-11

to meet any interested Jordanian businessmen.

Jordanian-Pakistani economic ties were given a boost in July this year when the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) and the Faoji Company of Pakistan finalised an accord under which the JPMC would supply phosphoric acid to a \$370 million Faoji fertiliser plant in Pakistan.

The JPMC is a minority shareholder in the venture, which will produce 445,000 tonnes of diammonium phosphate and 550,000 tonnes of area every year.

It was the most significant agreement signed between Pakistan and Jordan, which enjoy traditionally strong political relations but have little to show in the way of close economic interaction.

Youth advocates call for wise freedom of thought, independence

By Rana Husseini
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Youth independence and liberal thoughts rather than depending on their families or tribes are what participants to the "Youth and the Family" conference called for upon its conclusion here Friday.

About 100 participants of a two-day conference organised by the Young Christian Women's Association (YWCA) in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the 25th anniversary of the youth association at the YWCA and the marking of the U.N. Year of the Family.

Participants presented a list of recommendations that acknowledged the importance of the youth sector in the community since "they represent half the population."

and that youth should be free to express their thoughts and opinions so that "they can deal with their own problems and what they might face, wisely and logically, hence, not forgetting at the same time their culture and traditions."

They also called on the media and educational institutions to play an effective role in increasing parents' awareness of the importance of youth participation in decision making in the home, and support them in depending on themselves.

The list of recommendations also called on youth institutions to focus on learning better ways to communicate with the younger generation and absorb their needs and demands and respect them.

Youth among youth is also important, the paper said, and there should be no discrimination between males and females, rich and poor, and institutions should increase their attention in the poor and rural areas.

Participants, who represented governmental and non-governmental organisations, clubs, youth associations, university professors and sociologists, also stressed the role of the non-governmental organisations

and the volunteer societies in helping the youth make use of their energy properly to benefit their society.

They also recommended contacting international organisations responsible for offering financial and technical support and asking them for assistance for the youth organisations in Jordan.

They saw a necessity in contacting international youth organisations to exchange experience and learn other ways to tackle youth issues and problems.

Finally, the participants stressed what Her Royal Highness Princess Rahma had called for in her opening speech to the conference Thursday, that is the importance of linking youth and the family in accordance with "our Arab family's traditions and habits."

"Family unity is important, and we need to protect it no matter how much our society has advanced," said Princess Rahma, who deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The participants' list of recommendations will be finalised by a committee appointed during the conference, and a follow up committee will study the paper.

Dutch doctors mix work, tourism on recent visit

By Rima Cortbawi
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Having terminated their one-week visit to Jordan, a group of 50 Dutch physicians, accompanied by their spouses, leave the country today "after being introduced to both medical institutions and touristic sites," said Raouf Abu Jaber, honorary consul of the Netherlands in Jordan.

Organised by a small foundation known as START, established four years ago in eastern Holland, the visit "had medical, cultural and touristic value," said Rob Van der Sijde, a practising gynaecologist at the SMT Hospital in Holland.

Dr. Van der Sijde is also one of the four organisers of START travel group and one of the 20 specialists who joined the 30 general practitioners (GPs) for a series of training courses in Amman throughout last week.

"START's main objectives are to strengthen ties and build friendly and professional relationships between GPs and specialists as well as get practitioners acquainted with countries of interesting historical backgrounds," said Dr. Van der Sijde.

This trip is one of four yearly visits that so far included Egypt, Turkey and Morocco. "The GPs have been to all these countries for their training courses, but specialists base their decision to join on the nature of the courses and the destination of travel," Dr. Van der Sijde explained.

This year the courses involved surgery, intestinal disorders, urinal problems,

cardiology, antibiotics, gynaecology, communication between GPs and specialists and legal medicine.

"In between professional meetings, we had the opportunity to visit medical institutions, and our trip also included the Dead Sea, Jerash and Petra," said Dr. Van der Sijde.

The group Monday visited the Jordan University Hospital and King Hussein Medical Centre (KHMC).

"They are two totally different medical institutions. Jordan University Hospital is a random normal-standard hospital with average facilities, but I was extremely impressed with K.H.M.C.," said Mr. Van der Sijde, adding that he particularly admired the "remarkable" efficiency of the hospital staff.

The Dutch practitioners met with Jordanian specialists. "Hopefully interaction between us will be maintained by consistent follow-up so that medical benefits could be shared," said Bernard Van Driel, general surgeon at the SMT hospital in Holland.

The Dutch group said they chose to visit Jordan this year because of its rich historical and cultural background.

"Jordan has witnessed a range of extremely interesting cultures since 4000 B.C. It is the cradle of our Christianity. It is under the wise leadership of King who has managed to keep this Middle Eastern country stable from a political viewpoint for over 40 years and is currently trying to secure regional peace. And as far as medicine is concerned, I think the health care here is very healthy," said Dr. Van Driel.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Exhibition of abstract art by Rafi Nasiri at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of abstract art by Amer Fatih at Instituto Cervantes (Spanish Cultural Centre) (Tel. 610858).
- ★ Exhibition of abstract art by Ali Al Mi'mar at the Orfali Art Gallery, Umm Utheima (Tel. 826932).
- ★ Exhibition of watercolours by Vladimir Tamari at Darat Al Funun, Jabal Luweibeh (Tel. 643251/2).
- ★ Oriental pieces exhibition at Gallery Mariam (Tel. 824425).

- ★ Fourth Amman International Book Exhibition at the International Exhibition Centre, University Road (Tel. 650601).
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by Dia Azzawi at Ab'ad Art Gallery (Tel. 862105).
- ★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Kamal Boullata entitled "Duets, Quartets, and a Triangle" at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibeh. Also showing "permanent exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists" (Tel. 643251/2).
- ★ "The Dinos Exhibit" — beginning of photography in Jerusalem and the Holy Land at the American Center exhibition hall, Abdoun.

Killing of Serbs casts shadow over Bosnian peace process

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — The killing and mutilation of 20 Serb troops by Bosnian soldiers threatens to derail a budding process of detente in Sarajevo, marked by a successful prisoner exchange and the reopening of the capital's airport.

U.N. officials said Friday they were angered and dismayed by Thursday's attack at the village of Ljajic by a group of commandos from the Muslim-dominated Bosnian army, which U.N. special representative Yasushi Akashi had cast a "dark cloud" over the peace process.

Many of the victims, who included four women nurses, were mutilated and burned according to a senior French U.N. officer who witnessed the scene.

Bosnian forces moved

through the U.N.-monitored demilitarized zone (DMZ) on Mount Igman to attack the village, which lies just outside the DMZ, the latest in a series of violations of the zone which reached their peak at the weekend when some 300 were stopped by French U.N. troops.

UNPROFOR spokesman Lt-Colonel Bernard Labarsouque said Friday 150-300 more Bosnian troops had been "escorted to the border" of the DMZ overnight, adding that U.N. forces had stepped up patrols in the

sector.

The killings came only hours after the completion of the biggest prisoner of war exchange in Sarajevo since a February ceasefire was signed, and a U.N. agreement to allow the airport to reopen after a two-week shutdown.

Col. Labarsouque said the airport was still on green alert — the lowest level — and that UNPROFOR flights were due to land as normal. Kris Janowski, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said the UNHCR planned 10 flights from noon (1100 GMT), down from the 25 that had been planned.

Mr. Akashi said Thursday he hoped the commando

raid would not scupper the airport agreement, but admitted it had cast "some dark cloud on the otherwise new process that was opening before our eyes" following the successful release of 295 prisoners of war.

A U.N. source here, who asked not to be identified, said U.N. Bosnia Commander Lt-General Sir Michael Rose was furious with the Bosnian government over the attack "to the point where he was contemplating military action against them, which is politically and militarily unfeasible."

France voiced concern

Thursday that the killing of 20 Bosnian Serb soldiers near Sarajevo could trigger escalating retaliation and urged the Bosnian government to condemn the attack.

A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman also said Paris wanted the United Nations Security Council to quickly urge restraint on the warring sides.

"France condemns the aggression committed this morning by Bosnian elements ... which risks triggering an escalation of reprisals..." she said.

The first U.N. aid flight for

15 days landed at Sarajevo Airport Friday after Bosnian Serbs withdrew a threat to

fire at planes using it.

The airport reopened Thursday after Mr. Akashi negotiated with the Serbs but aid flights were delayed while security arrangements were checked.

The U.N.-controlled airport was shut after a NATO air strike against a Bosnian Serb tank near Sarajevo on Sept. 22.

Its closure disrupted efforts

to get relief to the Bosnian capital's 380,000 population.

NATO ambassadors Friday gave the alliance's top official the go-ahead to appeal directly to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali to urge a tougher air strike policy in Bosnia, NATO sources said.

They said the ambassadors agreed to ask Dr. Ghali to back swifter air strikes against a wider choice of targets in response to Bosnian Serb attacks on U.N. peacekeepers or violations of safe areas.

At their third meeting on

the subject in as many days, the envoys authorised Acting Secretary-General Sergio Balanzino to write to Dr. Ghali, recommending that he agree the new policy.

A NATO spokesman did not mention the letter but said that Mr. Balanzino "is in contact" with Dr. Ghali as a result of the meeting about the use of air power in Bosnia.

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Swiss step up hunt for cult leader

GENEVA (R) — Swiss police stepped up their search for doomsday cult leader Luc Jouret Friday as speculation mounted that at least some of the 53 sun worshippers found dead in Switzerland and Canada had been murdered.

Police raided addresses in Geneva, the headquarters of the Order of the Solar Temple cult, and elsewhere, interviewing a number of people associated with the group and seizing documents, Swiss newspapers said.

Investigating magistrate Jean-Pascal Jacquemet told Swiss Radio that Belgian national and homeopathic Doctor Jouret and his shadowy associate Joseph Di Membro had been seen late Tuesday in the Alpine hamlet of Salvan where 25 of the dead were found only a few hours later.

"We still don't know if they are among the victims," he said. He refused to say if he had issued any arrest warrants.

Police chiefs from Salvan and Chiery, a farming community 160 kilometres to the north where a further 23 bodies were discovered, were due to meet later Friday in Lausanne to pool information on the sect, and events leading up the deaths.

The dead identified to date were from Canada, France

and Switzerland. Six were children.

In Canada, police found three new corpses in a burnt out house overnight — including that of a baby — taking the cult's death toll there to five.

First autopsy results in Switzerland Thursday showed that at least some of the dead had been drugged.

"The signs on the victims make us believe that a powerful product, not yet identified, was administered," investigating magistrate Andre Piller said of the Chiery bodies.

Three rifles had been found near the dead. But police said none of them fired the shots that most of the dead people, plastic bags tied over their heads, had suffered.

"At... or the hypothesis of a... certain elements make us stay with this but others make us think of an execution. We cannot exclude one or the other," Mr. Piller said.

He said some material gathered on the isolated mountain farm where the bodies were found appeared to confirm that the members of sect had died willingly.

"We found a letter on one of the persons addressed to a member of their family in

which they said they were coming to Switzerland to die," he said.

Police in Salvan, where the 25 bodies were found in smouldering pyres, also rejected the idea of mass suicide.

"It would be more proper to talk of a collective murder than a suicide. Even if there was a suicide, people must have been led to it by psychosis or hypnosis," local canton police chief Bernard Geiger said.

A fireman who brought several bodies out of a chalet gutted by fire said many of the dead there had "beautiful smiles" on their faces.

In one room, a man and a woman lay side-by-side on a bed holding hands. Next door a boy of about six and a teenage girl also lay in a peaceful pose of total relaxation.

In Chiery, on the red satin clad walls of a temple hung a Christ-like figure with long hair and a beard, which could have been Jouret. Cabalistic symbols including sun and moon shapes, a rose and icons adorned the temple.

At the other Swiss site, firemen found a shed converted into a similar red-decked temple. Both temples had a round table at the centre with a golden chalice

standing in the middle.

Mr. Piller said police had issued arrest warrants, but he refused to say how many and for whom.

Fuelling the suicide theory, Swiss historian and cult expert Jean-Francois Mayer told Swiss Radio he had received a letter bearing all the hallmarks of the cult and which explained there had been a suicide pact.

"We are leaving this earth to rediscover, lucidly freely, a dimension of truth and absoluteness, far from the hypocrisy and the oppression of this world, in order to produce the seed of our future generation," Mr. Mayer quoted it as saying.

But newspapers, who also received copies of that letter, reported that they also received a second one which they said flatly contradicted the submissive tone of the first.

They said it railed against the "barbaric behaviour" of Jouret and accused him of betraying the sect's principles.

Both letters were postmarked from Geneva after the bodies were found.

In Canada too, friends and colleagues of some of the dead flatly rejected the idea that they could have committed suicide.



Police search through the rubble in one of the mass suicide of 53 doomsday cult members three burned out chalets following alleged (AFP photo)

China proposes new Hong Kong legislature

BEIJING (R) — China, which has vowed to dismantle Hong Kong's legislature after it takes over the British colony in 1997, said Friday it would set up a replacement even before sovereignty is transferred.

"A civil legislative committee will be set up in Hong Kong before July 1, 1997, to oversee the major areas currently being supervised by the Legislative Council of Hong Kong," the official China Daily said.

"China was compelled to initiate this move after the

British Hong Kong government closed the door to any co-operation with China," it added.

China's move appears to

bear out fears that the current Hong Kong administration will become increasingly a lame-duck government as Beijing's take-over approaches.

China was infuriated when Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten proposed democratic reforms for the British colony.

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Nasreen refuses new French visa offer

PARIS (AFP) — Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasreen, under death threat from Bangladeshi Muslim fundamentalists who accuse her of blasphemy, has turned down a new visa offer by the French government amid an uproar over her case.

The journalists' group Reporters Sans Frontières, which campaigns for the rights of writers and journalists, Friday quoted Ms. Nasreen as saying: "I will not come to Paris."

Speaking on the phone from her home in Sweden, the 32-year-old writer did not however rule out coming to France in a few weeks' time "provided I can travel about and meet the same people originally scheduled."

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Features

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Crown Prince returns home

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In reply to a question on the influence of present developments on the image of Arabs in the Western media, Prince Hassan said that he extended an invitation to the European Broadcasters Union.

Washington warns Baghdad

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The ministry, in a statement over Kuwaiti Television, ordered reservists who had been due to be called up in November or December to report to barracks on Sunday instead.

Defence Secretary William Perry said the Iraqi troop movements "are not routine and are not typical of what we've seen in the past, and therefore they do cause us concern."

One senior Pentagon official said, "Yes, there have been movements. Exactly what they mean, we don't know." The official said they could just be "some bluster" to signal Iraq's unhappiness with United Nations sanctions.

At the State Department, spokesman Michael McCurry said in a statement that Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council must not be allowed to intimidate the U.N. Security Council and Iraq's neighbours.

Additional warnings were expected to come later from Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The State Department said Baghdad had been informed that threats of force would not lead to an end of international sanctions. "To achieve the lifting of sanctions, Iraq must comply fully with all U.N. Security Council resolutions," Mr. McCurry said.

Iraq amassed troops on the border of Kuwait in the summer of 1990 and then took over the oil-rich emirate. The invasion started the Gulf war, in which a U.S.-led coalition defeated Iraq and drove out Iraqi forces.

On Thursday, Baghdad had warned it would prevent U.N. monitoring of its military facilities unless the U.N. Security Council eased its four-year embargo on Iraqi oil sales.

The council convenes next week to discuss whether Iraq has complied with U.N. conditions to lift the embargo.

A second Pentagon official noted that should administration officials care to display some military muscle in response to the Iraqi moves, the aircraft carrier USS George Washington is currently in the Adriatic Sea and could be shifted to the Gulf region.

At present, there are about eight navy ships in the Gulf region, including an amphibious ready group headed by the USS Tripoli that includes about 2,000 marines.

One of a series of military exercises with U.S. army troops is also slated to occur later this month, in which 1,350 U.S. troops were slated to join forces with Kuwaiti forces in a field exercise.

The United States has maintained a large amount of military weaponry and supplies in Kuwait, which troops on exercise use to train in the

desert environs. There have been two to three such exercises every year since the Gulf war.

At the U.N., Iraq's chief envoy charged Friday that the sanctions have caused intolerable suffering in his country.

Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz, in an address Friday to the United Nations General Assembly, accused the U.S. government of "fabrications and falsifications used as pretexts to prolong the iniquitous (oil) embargo."

Under the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire, Iraq must destroy its deadly weapons systems and submit to U.N. monitoring before the oil embargo is lifted.

In his speech, Mr. Aziz asserted that Iraq has met those conditions. The Security Council has said they have not.

Mr. Aziz made no mention of the U.S. government reports that Iraq was mobilising troops along its border with Kuwait.

The Security Council scheduled closed consultations for Friday afternoon on the reported troop movements.

Mr. Aziz said the United States and other Western nations have blocked the import of burial shrouds, school pencils, cloth for hospital bed sheets and other needed goods and forbade a group of pilgrims to fly to religious shrines in Iraq.

One permanent Security Council member, namely the United States of America, obstructs persistently any step towards correct legal application of the resolutions of the council, particularly those relating to lifting sanctions upon Iraq," Mr. Aziz.

After Mr. Aziz spoke, U.S. ambassador Albright called his address "one of the most ridiculous speeches delivered at the U.N. by Iraq."

However, the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission, which patrols the border, said all appeared quiet on both sides. "We don't have any information about massing troops at the border," said spokesman Bessell Kostov.

Saad Jibril, chairman of the London-based Free Iraq Council of political exiles, said that in the last few days a number of disaffected officers, including several in the Republican Guard, rose against President Saddam Hussein.

He said the security forces arrested the officers, but it was unclear how many were involved.

No substantiation was immediately forthcoming from other sources. However, details on previous coup attempts provided by the son of former Iraqi Prime Minister Saleh Al Jibril was later substantiated by other sources.

Sharaa delivers letter to Clinton

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could be one of the last major components of a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace agreement.

"Syria is prepared to meet the requirements of peace," Mr. Sharaa told reporters before a meeting with Mr. Christopher on Thursday (see page 2). "At the forefront of these requirements is the full withdrawal from the Golan."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin this week defended his peace policy before parliament on Monday, vowing that Israel would not give up any of the Golan without total peace with Syria.

"No force will make us move a single centimetre on the Golan plateau if there is not total genuine peace," Mr. Rabin said as he opened the winter session of parliament.

Israel has proposed a limited withdrawal from the Golan, without uprooting Jewish settlements in the territory, with a three-year probationary period before further withdrawal.

With Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Washington this week, the United States sought to help resolve the dispute over the Golan by dispatching to participate in an international peacekeeping force in the region as part of a peace settle-

ment on the timetable for Israeli withdrawal and security measures are not insurmountable obstacles, said Shai Feldman of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"The ultimate depth of Israel's withdrawal and the tangible expressions of Syria's commitment to normalize relations with Israel pose much deeper problems," Mr. Feldman added.

Mr. Feldman said Washington has a chance to win over Syria by dangling the benefits of the "peace dividends" it can reap from an accord, including investment credits and other forms of U.S. economic aid.

Israeli army

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of Israel's activities in Lebanon, told Friday's *Yediot Aharonot* newspaper that he envisioned a total pullout including the dismantling of Jewish settlements in exchange for security guarantees.

But the army and nearly two-thirds of Israelis opposed a total withdrawal, according to Friday's newspapers.

Mr. Christopher arrives here Sunday on a new mission aimed at reviving the stalled peace talks between

Rwandan orphans learn forgiveness and love

By Hugh Nevill
Agence France Presse

GOMA, Zaire — At the Ndoso orphanage on Zaire's border with Rwanda, administrators are setting in for the long haul.

These children are not going back to Rwanda any time soon," says Lalami Mimet, a Zairean doctor who cares for some 1,500 Rwandan orphans and children separated from their parents on a sharp-stoned lava field a few kilometres west of the Zairean border town of Goma.

One hundred forty of the children are still traumatised, gazing vacantly into space, or curled up.

"All we can do is give them extra attention," Dr. Mimet says.

The remainder are hungry for human contact, thrusting small, trusting hands into visitors' palms.

There are a couple of balls in the camp, and the children make their own of wadded paper. The most common toy seems to be a twirling button on two strings.

Dr. Mimet says 172 children have been reunited with their parents — "one mother found six children here" — but the reunification rate has virtually halted.

Food is cooked in giant pots over wood chopped from nearby forest, now fast disappearing.

The orphans go all the way up to 18. Most are Hutu, but 50 are Tutsi.

That created tensions, Dr. Mimet said, because even the children had learned to hate the other

ethnic group.

"We have to undo that thinking."

Nurses dispense medicines and treat children for dysentery and malaria, though the cholera epidemic that claimed 200 lives here is over now.

When the epidemic was at its height, Dr. Mimet said, "we had to choose which ones to treat — which ones were going to die in five minutes, or a little longer."

No schooling is given because, Dr. Mimet says, the aid agencies are against it, feeling it would turn the camp into a permanent institution.

"But I'm pretty sure the kids will stay with us," she says, adding that she would like to see schooling started, as in the nearby Mugunga refugee camp, which houses more than 200,000 Rwandans, and where children sit on the ground in semi-circles for makeshift lessons. Schooling is given, too, in other

orphanages.

Here, instead, the staff organises plays, and songs with prizes.

Last weekend, the theme was sanitation. On Saturday, it will be forgiveness, and love.



A small Rwandan child cries as he sits in the dirt in a refugee camp (AFP photo)

U.S. drive on landmine ban seen as impractical

By Nicholas Doughty
Reuter

LONDON — A new U.S. proposal to eliminate the scourge of anti-personnel mines is a dream that cannot be realised, but analysts say it might be possible to limit the use of weapons which kill thousands indiscriminately every year.

U.S. President Bill Clinton, in the face of mounting international pressure to do something about one of the most common weapons in modern warfare, called on Tuesday for a deal to rid the globe of anti-personnel mines.

"I am proposing a first step toward the eventual elimination of... 85 million anti-personnel mines, one for every 50 people on the face of the Earth," Mr. Clinton told the U.N. General Assembly.

Mr. Clinton gave no details on how that aim might be achieved.

The idea, which shows how far arms control has moved from its traditional cold war agenda of limiting superpower nuclear arsenals, has gathered ground because civilians are often killed by mines that are never removed from battlefields.

Human rights and medical groups have urged governments recently to ban their sale and use, with thousands killed and maimed in areas of recent conflict from Angola to Cambodia.

"That is one way in which you could certainly cut down on the supply of mines," said one Western diplomat.

Anti-vehicle mines are not so much of a risk to civilians, since they require greater weight to detonate.

But modern anti-personnel mines, with innocent-sounding names like "butterfly" or "frog," are horrendous weapons that scatter ball bearings or razor shards over a wide area.

Many of them, designed to explode at waist-height by jumping out of the ground first, are built to cripple rather than kill. Since other soldiers then have to remove wounded comrades, such mines are — in military terms — more "efficient."

When first used en masse in World War II, mines were mostly metal canisters, fairly easily found with metal detectors.

Now, they are smaller and many are made of plastic, making them harder to detect. They can be scattered over a wide area from helicopters, rather than sown by hand.

So-called "intelligent mines" do not wait for people to tread on them. Instead, they have sensors which wait until a human presence is detected nearby.

Forecasts of the world's end make news, forecasts of its continuation don't

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's not to say it won't come, but doomsday seem to run into one delay after another, followed by more international conferences at which additional doomsdays are predicted.

The delays make relatively uninteresting reading, and so do not get nearly the publicity as the doomsday forecasts.

A forecast of the world's end makes news, a forecast of its continuation doesn't.

The most recent doomsday forecasts came from the just-finished population conference in Cairo, which said that overbreeding of humans threatens a devastating world crisis.

Such forecasts have been around since man learned to communicate, but they seem in recent years to have found more ready acceptance.

From the Club of Rome in 1972 we heard that population growth would quickly lead to famines and severe shortages of energy, minerals, trees and other precious resources.

Rome was followed in 1980 by apocalyptic views contained in the Jimmy Carter administration's Global 2000 report, which forecast environmental disaster by the year 2000 unless drastic measures were taken.

From the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992 came

devouring life's resources like swarms of locusts.

There is reason to question the assumption made at Cairo, he says. Noting among other things that resources today are more available than ever before and that per capita food production is rising around the world.

Scores of other academics have made similar points, sometimes pointing to earlier doomsday conferences that made similar forecasts and were shown to be wrong within the time period of their forecasts.

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tan based in Lewisville, Texas, economist Stephen Moore made these discoveries about U.S. price behaviour from 1980 to 1990:

In every instance, brilliant researchers presented their theses, some so profound they could be ignored only at great risk. But critics point out that overall conclusions are another matter, and that's where they take aim.

To begin with, they say, it is rather unscientific to reach conclusions before the evidence is fully presented, and it is equally unscientific not to include all the evidence.

Mr. Lambert, for example, observes that less than one-half of one per cent of the planet's ice-free land area is used for human settlements. And that where markets are free, prices fall and population growth actually creates wealth.

Is it too much to consider, he asks, that when people are wealthier they might also be more concerned about the environment, and that population growth therefore might lead to enhanced environmental protection?

In a 1992 report by the Institute for Policy Innovation, an economic think

Germany's foreigners eye election with resentment

By Michael Christie
Reuter

COLOGNE, Germany — Ahmed Terli's son and daughter were born in Germany, went to school here and will spend the rest of their lives among Germans.

So when the country goes to the polls on Oct. 16, they would also like to vote like Germans. But they can't, even though they are old enough.

Like 1.8 million other Turks whose families came to work here two or three generations ago, the Terlis are considered "foreigners" and have no say in the political life of the country they now call home.

"Our children are born, said by side, in the same hospitals as German children," 54-year-old Mr. Terli told Reuters. "Side by side, they go to the same kindergartens and schools. They study at the same universities and maybe end up working side by side."

But then, he added, arms raised in exasperation, the Turks must stay at home while the Germans vote.

"Integration, integration, integration" I have heard German politicians talk about integrating foreigners into society a thousand

just about paying taxes and buying videos."

There are more than 6.5 million permanent foreign residents in Germany — eight per cent of the population — who like the Terlis cannot vote because German citizenship laws make naturalisation all but impossible.

The largest ethnic group is the Turkish community. Germany's 1913 nationality law defines citizenship along blood lines rather than by residence or place of birth.

Naturalisation is only possible after long procedures and renunciation of any previous citizenship.

A recent survey by the Centre for Turkey Studies in Eseken showed that 62 per cent of Turks here wanted German citizenship.

But they shy away because they would have to give up their Turkish papers — barring them from inheriting property in Turkey and subjecting them to their countrymen's scorn.

"After so many years, one loses one's roots in the homeland and is transplanted into the second home," Mr. Terli said.

"But we still have an attachment to our relatives and origins."

Mr. Kohl

Economy

U.S. treasury chief prescribes budget cut to fix Saudi economy

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, after a two-day visit, has prescribed the same medicine for Saudi Arabia's ailing economy that helped revive the United States — government budget deficit cuts to free money for use by private business.

But it is not clear whether the prescription will work equally in a country where the private sector is not fully developed and is still heavily dependent on the government for its financial well-being.

Mr. Bentsen did not seem to harbour such doubts as he gave a mostly upbeat assessment of his visit to the world's biggest oil exporter, which included a two-hour meeting with King Fahd.

"I came away very impressed at the king's commitment to privatisation and at his leadership in the budget reductions," Mr. Bentsen told U.S. businessmen before leaving Jeddah to return to Washington.

Mr. Bentsen said privatisation would substantially boost the role of private business in the Saudi economy, making firms more efficient by eliminating their dependence on government money.

After building an enormously wealthy, high-technology economy, Saudi Arabia is facing a cash crunch brought on by weak oil prices and \$55 billion in payments towards financing the 1990-91 Gulf war.

To get its finances into better shape, the government has targeted a nearly 20 per cent cut in its \$55 to \$60 billion budget this year. U.S. Treasury officials said that King Fahd told Mr. Bentsen that Riyadh "would continue to exercise budget restraint into 1995."

Saudi Arabia has been running an annual budget deficit of the order of \$10 to \$15 billion. One local financial source said that should come down in 1994, although lower oil revenues due to weaker prices early this year could offset some of the impact of

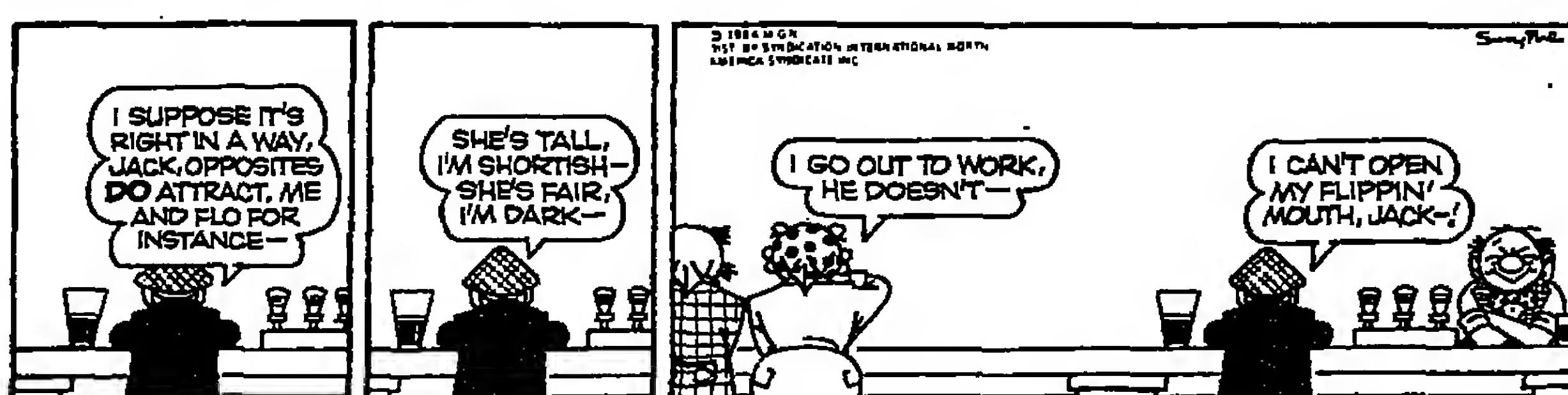
Zimbabwe unemployment jumps to 44 per cent

HARARE (AFP) — Zimbabwe's unemployment rate jumped from 37.2 to 44 per cent between 1990 and 1993, and the situation is expected to worsen as the country's economic woes continue, a cabinet minister has said. Four-year-old World Bank-backed economic reforms have exacerbated unemployment levels through lay-offs of thousands of workers in companies reeling under the negative effects of the Economic Structural Adjustment Programme (ESAP). "Zimbabwe is in a serious economic crisis characterised by severe unemployment problems," the minister told a public employment services workshop here.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



OECD nudges up growth forecasts for rich nations

PARIS (R) — The OECD nudged up its forecasts for economic growth in the developed world Thursday but warned its member governments against a resurgence of inflation and widening budget deficits.

Staffan Sohman, acting head of the 25-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), said growth is projected to be three per cent both next year and in 1996.

In its last semi-annual economic outlook, published in June, the think-tank for rich nations forecast expansion of 2.9 per cent in 1995.

The outlook had projected gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 2.6 per cent for this year but sources close to the forum said it was now counting on a slightly higher figure.

The think-tank's forecasts and warnings echoed those of the International Monetary Fund, which last week projected global growth of three per cent this year and 3.5 per cent in 1995.

For Europe, the OECD now sees GDP growth of just over two per cent before a quickening to three per cent

in 1995. In June its forecasts had been 1.9 per cent and 2.8 per cent, respectively.

Mr. Sohman said that in countries where both recession and recovery had come later than in the United States, growth could still be stronger without the risk of inflation.

But he warned governments that economic expansion would only be durable if prices were kept under control.

The most important message is that OECD governments will have to take care not to repeat the mistakes of the 1980s when economies were allowed to overheat," he said.

For Germany and other European countries, the focus should be on controlling budgets and keeping economic policy credible.

"This time of recovery is a good moment to push ahead with fiscal consolidation," he said. "It is not the moment for complacency."

Although the OECD welcomed Japan's income tax cuts for the boost that they are giving to domestic demand, it said an indirect tax increase should be implemented once recovery takes hold to avoid fiscal problems later.

Mr. Sohman said strengthening recovery would improve employment prospects in the OECD. But in many countries structural reforms would be needed to tackle the unemployment which will not be affected by the swelling in the business cycle.

The causes and a menu of possible cures for structural unemployment were focus on the OECD's recent jobs

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U.S. dollar remains strong against major currencies for second consecutive week

Deutschmark

The following report, covering the period from Thursday, Sept. 29, 1994 until Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1994, is provided by Naser Nabulsi, private client group at Merrill Lynch-Dubai

Overview

Fundamental view: Bank of Japan dollar buying, uncertainty about Germany's October election, and expectations of an imminent 5 per cent hike in Fed Funds rate has helped support the dollar recently. Despite that, lingering concerns about accelerating U.S. inflation and balance of payment problems are likely to dominate investors' sentiment in coming months. We continue to look for the dollar to trade at DM/USD 1.50 and YPY/USD 95 in 6 to 12 months.

Technical view: The U.S. dollar was strong against most of the major currencies last week. The greenback posted gains against five of the six currencies that we regularly monitor, the exception was the Canadian dollar. As a result, the U.S. dollar index posted its second consecutive weekly advance with a rally of 0.3 per cent. However, even though momentum for the index is showing signs of improvement, put/call ratios are near overbought and the underlying post-February downturn remains intact. Thus, the trading range of recent weeks still needs to be monitored given its significance as to the direction of the next meaningful move.

Important resistance exists at 89-91; that band represents both the top end of the trading range and the downturn line from the February high. Benchmark support exists at 86.65-87.40. Even if that range is penetrated to the downside, such weakness would not likely be technically confirmed. However, unless and until the post-February downturn is broken, caution remains warranted.

Saudi officials said they would also look for more foreign investment, including from medium-sized U.S. companies willing to share technical expertise and know-how.

The United States, with some \$20 billion, is already the biggest investor in Saudi Arabia. Mr. Bentsen said he saw room for further growth.

Japanese yen

Fundamental view: The dollar has edged higher against the yen following a relatively peaceful outcome to U.S.-Japan trade talks on Sept. 30. The U.S. initiated an investigation of Japan's auto parts market that could ultimately lead to trade sanctions, but did not take a more aggressive posture that might have led to dumping of U.S. assets by Japanese investors. That said, the negotiators are not likely to have made much of a dent in Japan's \$140 billion trade surplus which is the root cause of yen strength. With Japan's economy recovering slowly, the Bank of Japan appears unlikely to ease monetary policy again despite considerable deflationary pressure which are keeping real interest rates high. We continue to look for the dollar to drift down to the JPY/USD 95 yen level in 6 to 12 months.

Technical view: The Japanese yen fell 1.3 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Sept. 30, and was the weakest of the six currencies we most regularly discuss. Put/call ratios are viewed as neutral, but have been improving of late. Momentum continues to deteriorate, but the underlying uptrend is still intact and it will require a decisive decline in the yen back through the 101 YU/USD area to crack the trend and confirm the action of momentum. Beyond that, major support comes in beginning at 105. Benchmark resistance exists at 97.20, then below 93.

Pound sterling

Fundamental view: The British pound continued to show strength against the dollar and the DM, trading around USD/GBP 1.58 and DM/GBP 2.45. Data released this week gave conflicting signals on inflation pressures in the U.K.: narrow money grew faster than expected while house prices may have fallen a bit in September. Revised estimates indicate that output growth in the second quarter of 1994 was about 4 per cent higher than in the second quarter of 1993. Spare capacity in the economy is also seen as being lower than earlier expected.

Despite fears of inflation, the pound is being supported by expectations that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and Governor Eddie George are committed to containing inflation below their target range of 4 per cent. The pound is also drawing strength from better-than-expected current account data: the current account deficit for the second quarter was only £6.64

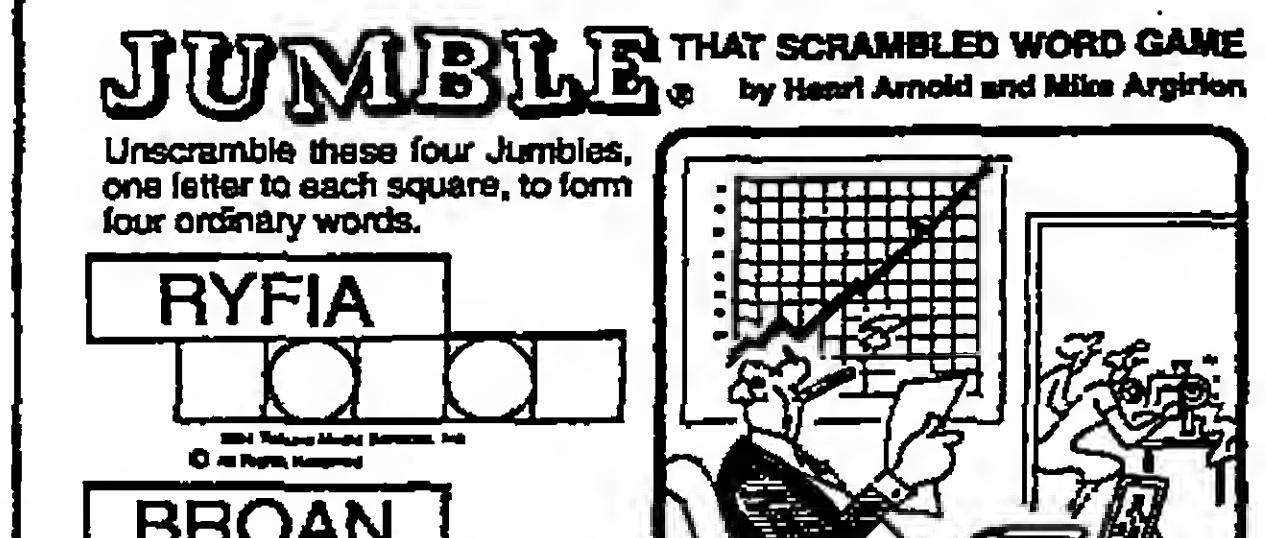
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million, much better than consensus expectations for a £1.3 billion deficit.

Our twelve months interest rate forecast is for a 90 basis point premium of the U.K. rate over the U.S. rate at the short end and a 75 basis point premium over German short rates and a 230 basis point premium over German long rates. We maintain our twelve-month forecast for the pound to trade near USD/GBP 1.63 and DM/GBP 2.45.

Technical view: The British pound fell 0.1 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Sept. 30. Put/call ratios are near oversold. Momentum has been under pressure in recent weeks, so any nearby rally may not be sustainable. Resistance remains at \$1.586 U.S./S.L. First support exists near \$1.51; the lower end of the trading range at \$1.46 is second support. Against the DM, sterling gained 0.3 per cent last week, but remains in its multi-month downturn. Momentum is bottoming and seems to be gathering steam. Resistance remains at 2.43-2.45, with support at 2.37-2.38 and 2.32-2.33.

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Mercury goes retrograde today making it a good time to deal with business matters from the past or things that have been left undone. Show that you have your feet firmly on the ground and that you are willing to consider other points of view.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) While secretive situations are working themselves out, you have the time to plan the future more wisely and beneficial in the long run.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You may be disappointed by a friend in the morning, but later you find that others are congenial and helpful for a new project.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You can handle outside duties very well, except in the early morning, so keep busy on various endeavours. The evening is fine for socialising.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Some small slight on the part of your mate should be forgotten and more thought can bring greater happiness. Drive wisely.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You may not agree on one point with partners, but be willing to compromise and all will be well. Attend a social function with your mate.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) There may be some small change in some venture you have started, but take this in your stride and everything will come out great.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Get at those important duties for which you have little time during the busy work week. Take health treatments to improve your appearance.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Find another kind of pleasure which does not cost too much so that you need not get into debt. Avoid an irate loved one at all cost.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get that situation home fixed up before you go out on the town with your loved ones as you want to do. Conversations prove interesting.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Be more careful in driving and then you can visit friends and relatives. Be careful with your money today so there is some for later.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Even if one financial affair is disappointing, look into various others which can prove to be most successful in the future.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Carry through with plans you made instead of doing something drastic. Go after your personal aims in the evening and you will have fun.

Birthstone of October: Opal, Tourmaline

THE Daily Crossword

by Virginia Yama

ACROSS

1. Brawl

2. Extended

3. Dealer's line

13. — old

15. — fabric

16. Pastoring city

17. To begin with

20. Unfilled

21. Having no fixed time

23. Apartment

25. Short or pit

29. Trucker's spot

31. Venetian artist

32. — literary measure

38. Wavy clouds

39. Sun thing

42. — tales

44. Government of

45. Catastrophic

47. Tennis stroke

48. Trust source

51. Only songbird

53. Pitching fast

56. Minnesota lake

60. Arizona Indian

22. Memos from the boss

24. Delayed beyond the expected

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Financial Markets		Jordan Times			
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U.S. Dollars to International Markets					
Currency	New York Close	Tokyo Close			
1st/5/10/1994	Date 6/10/1994	Date 6/10/1994			
Sterling Pound	1.5855	1.5862			
Deutsche Mark	1.5445	1.5434			
Swiss Franc	1.2795	1.2785			
French Franc	5.2750	5.2740*			
Japanese Yen	49.61	49.55			
European Currency Unit	1.2340	1.2382*			
1JD per 1000	1000 JD per 1000 U.S. Dollars				
European Interest Rates	Date: 6/10/1994				
Currency	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS	
U.S. Dollar	4.93	5.43	5.62	5.93	
Sterling Pound	5.31	5.81	6.37	7.00	
Deutsche Mark	4.75	5.00	5.12	5.50	
Swiss Franc	3.75	4.00	4.12	4.50	
French Franc	6.31	5.62	5.87	6.37	
Japanese Yen	2.06	2.18	2.31	2.56	
European Currency Unit	5.56	6.00	6.25	6.68	
Interest bid rate for amounts exceeding 1,000,000 JD or equivalent					
Precious Metals	Date: 6/10/1994				
Metals	USD/oz	JD/Gm ²	Metals	USD/oz	JD/Gm ²
Gold	391.65	7.70	Silver	5.59	0.128
* 1JD Kurs					
Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin	Date: 6/10/1994				
Currency	BID	OFFER			
U.S. Dollar	0.6970	0.6990			
Sterling Pound	1.1045	1.1100			
Deutsche Mark	0.4510	0.4533			
Swiss Franc	0.5442	0.5469			
French Franc	0.1320	0.1327			
Japanese Yen	0.6992	0.7057			
Dutch Guilder	0.3028	0.4048			
Swedish Krona			
Italian Lira	0.0444	0.0446			
Belgian Franc			
* Per 100					
Other Currencies	Date: 6/10/1994				
Currency	BID	OFFER			
Egyptian Dinar	1.6330	1.6500			
Lebanese Lira	0.04100	0.04239			
Saudi Riyal	0.1855	0.1874			
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3130	2.3470			
Qatari Riyal	0.1903	0.1923			
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2150			
Qatari Riyal	1.2910	1.3170			
UAE Dirham	0.1891	0.1902			
Greek Drachma	0.2735	0.3250			
Cypriot Pound	1.3950	1.5000			
* Per 100					

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ORGANIZED MARKET TRADING ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD (01/10/1994 - 05/10/1994)			
WEEKLY REPORT			
COMPANY'S NAME	TRADING VOLUME	PREV. OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE
JALIS BANK	130,615	183,000	182,250
JORDAN BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	713,366	4,029	4,000
JORDAN BANK FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY	51,100	3,470	3,450
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	15,912	1,370	1,390
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	79,032	2,950	2,950
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	10,000	2,950	2,950
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	27,062	2,900	2,900
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	79,697	1,740	1,740
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	15,423	1,670	1,670
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	29,040	1,600	1,600
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	2,776	2,200	2,210
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	137,423	1,600	1,600
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	846	3,720	3,720
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	64,312	1,940	1,950
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	15,000	1,900	1,900
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	15,000	1,900	1,900
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	47,287	1,710	1,700
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	420	1,050	1,050
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	210,495	3,000	3,500
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	123,816	1,560	1,520
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	20,469	2,740	2,680
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	10,000	2,740	2,680
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	11,244	1,340	1,340
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	9,217	1,150	1,160
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	11,550	1,150	1,160
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	5,563	2,000	2,000
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	137	1,360	1,270
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	187,424	3,700	3,700
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	41,244	1,510	1,510
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	4,402	7,650	7,500
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	27,479	5,670	5,250
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	135,295	1,340	1,420
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	9,476	4,220	4,120
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	15,773	1,710	1,710
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	1,078	5,290	5,290
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	17,304	1,620	1,570
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	4,705	5,040	5,000
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	31,120	5,600	5,600
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	30,416	5,000	5,000
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	10,804	2,370	2,300
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	51,700	2,370	2,300
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	66,076	2,090	2,120
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	92,865	4,420	4,400
JORDAN BANK FOR TOURISM & TRADE	373,146	2,970	2,900
GRAND TOTAL		4,972,208	
PARALLEL MARKET TRADING ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD (01/10/1994 - 05/10/1994)			
WEEKLY REPORT			
COMPANY'S NAME	TRADING VOLUME	PREV. OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE
JORDAN GENERAL TRADING & STORAGE	6,749	9,110	9,100
JORDAN TRADE FACILITATORS	45,436	6,650	6,650
JORDAN TRADE FOR LEVEL-1 TRADE CO.	485	5,500	4,900
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	94,234	1,650	1,700
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	3,900	3,250	3,250
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	131,925	1,340	1,420
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	9,476	4,220	4,120
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	159,048	1,240	1,500
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	43,763	2,240	2,160
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	252,392	1,710	1,710
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	70,240	1,710	1,710
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	112,229	1,940	1,890
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	21,107	2,210	2,240
JORDAN TRAVEL UNIVERSAL	103,548	2,190	2,100
GRAND TOTAL		364,498	

Battery problems still brake progress on electric cars

PARIS (R) — Car makers at the Paris have said that progress towards launching a viable mass-market, electric car was still painfully slow despite much research.

Few manufacturers even bothered to display their vehicles, in marked contrast to the Amsterdam car show last year where makers proudly showed a total of 17 electric cars.

"The problem is that we still need a revolution in battery technology. At the moment the electric car cannot compete with the conventional engine," said Mazda spokesman Futoshi Takano.

"Whatever other manufacturers say, everyone faces the problem of power supply. Conventional batteries are too heavy, need too long to charge and have too limited a capacity," he explained.

A new report from the London-based Economist Intelligence Unit into new engine development concludes:

"The electric vehicle is not the car of the future. It will continue to lack suitable technology leading to serious drawbacks, notably a limited range between recharges and excessive weight, making the car fundamentally inefficient."

France's PSA Peugeot-

Citroen was more optimistic, however. The company has been running a project with an electric Peugeot 106 and Citroen AX in the town of La Rochelle, and plans to bring the 106 electric to market next year.

It also unveiled a concept car called the Ion which it says is the first car designed as an electric one rather than an adapted version of a conventional car. The company expects to market the Ion in 1998 or 1999.

"We still believe very strongly in the concept as a way of combating city pollution," said Jose Mailhe, spokesman for PSA. "For going to work or shopping in a city, the electric car is still not good enough,"

But this is hardly new — in London as long ago as 1910 there were already 10,000 electric utility vehicles in use. They used lead batteries. Modern vehicles still either use these or nickel-cadmium batteries.

Germany's BMW, which is involved in an electric car project on the island of Rügen with other German car makers, is using sodium-sulphur batteries which it says are the most efficient around at the moment.

"We are working on the idea and on the batteries but are not planning to bring anything to market in the near future. The battery is still not good enough," said BMW spokesman Louis Michel Bergereau.

Trading at AFM drops; prices remain stable

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN — Share prices, recovering from a four-week downward spiral, remained mostly stable and trading dropped at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) last week as investors took up positions awaiting further developments in the peace process and signs of projects resulting from Israeli-Jordanian negotiations, brokers said Friday.

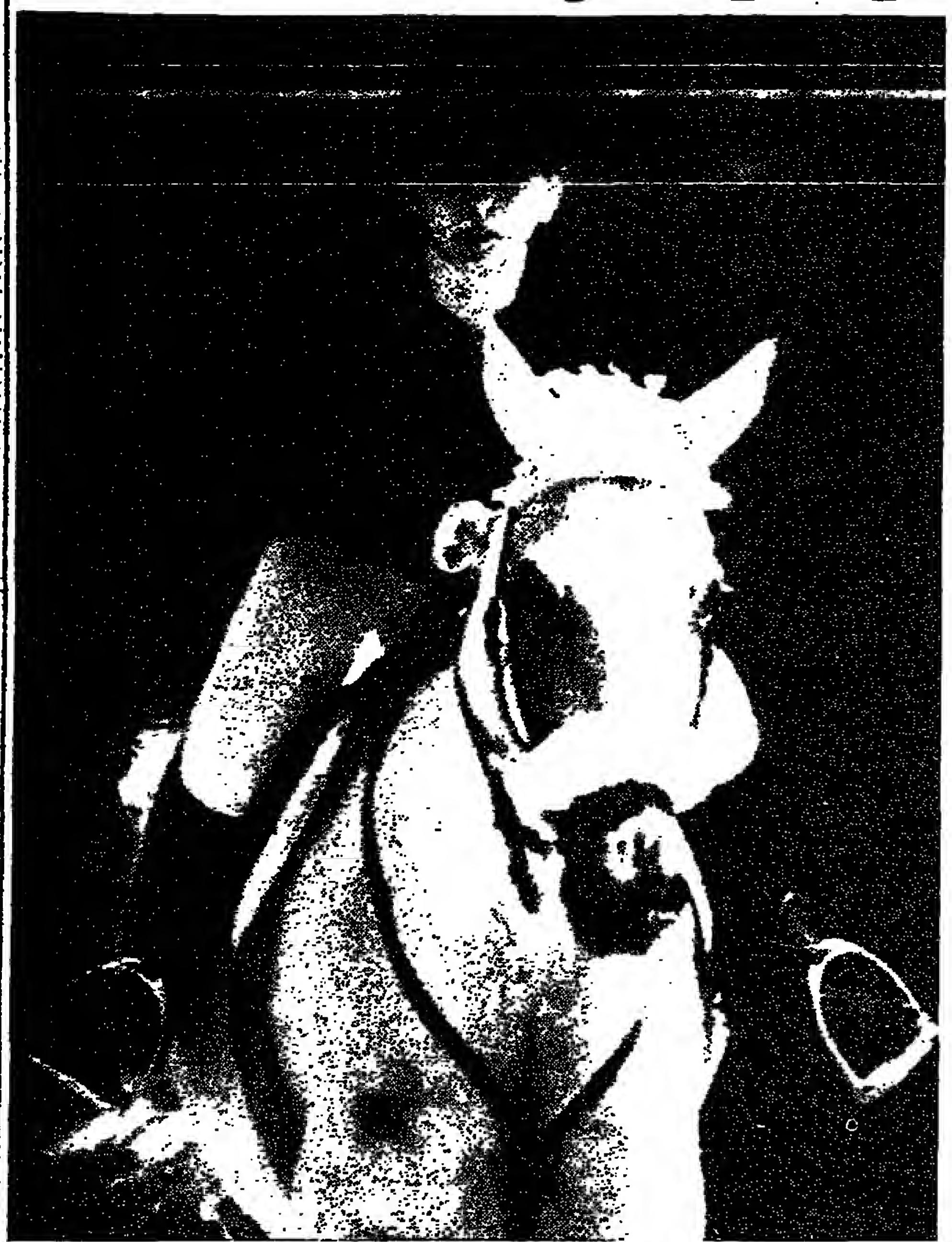
They described the week as a "stepping stone" for prices and expected trading to pick up after fears of taxation of capital gains had plunged stocks to all-year lows since Aug. 30.

The weekly report of the AFM said turnover for the week ending Thursday was JD 5.9 million, down 30.6 per cent from the previous week's JD 8.5 million.

The general share price index based on 60 major companies closed at 145.8 points, down 0.3 points or 0.2 per cent from the week's opening of 146.1 points. The index had gone down to 140 shortly after reports said in late August that the government was planning to remove income tax exemptions granted to capital gains, including equity increases as a result of AFM trading.

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Princess Haya advances at Asian Games showjumping championships



Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Friday puts at the 12th Asian Games in Hiroshima (AFP) her horse Sparky I through its paces at the photo) first round of the showjumping championship

HIROSHIMA (R) — Her Royal Highness Princess Haya, joined the ranks of royal athletes Friday riding in her first major international showjumping competition at the Asian Games.

Elegantly dressed in a navy blue blazer and white riding pants, the 20-year-old Princess made it through comfortably to the third round of the individual competition, tying for seventh place with twelve other competitors.

Riding on "Sparky I," a whitish gray stallion, the Princess knocked down only one jump in each of the rides.

On Sunday when the final rounds take place, Princess Haya will be up against the event's other star attraction — popular Filipina actress and niece of former President Corazon Aquino, Mikaela Cojuanco.

Cojuanco, riding on "Principe," is trailing the Princess, and is currently tied for 27th place.

"I would like to win a medal," Princess Haya said as she was surrounded by reporters who were kept at arms distance by bodyguards.

Fans watching the event were impressed by the Princess' grace and her ability to overcome the pressure she is under as a sporting royal.

"It can't be easy for her," one spectator said. "Everyone is looking for her to make a fall."

Princess Haya is very prominent in Jordan's sport scene acting as patron of many local sports associations.

If she does win a medal she will not be the first

royal to do so. In 1960 King Constantine of Greece won an Olympic gold medal in yachting and Britain's Princess Anne is a former three-day event equestrian champion.

And many other members of royal families have been members of Olympic squads.

Princess Anne also rode in the 1976 Olympics and Prince Albert of Monaco has been a member of the bobsleigh team in three Winter Olympic Games.

Spain's current royal family leads the way in Olympic competition.

Prince Felipe, heir to the Spanish throne, was a crewman in three-man sailing class yachting at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and his father King Juan Carlos competed in dragon class yachting at the 1972 Munich Olympics while his mother Queen Sofia was in Spain's yachting team at the 1960 games in Rome.

Princess Haya who is studying at Oxford University, was the first female to represent Jordan in international showjumping at the age of 12.

Now three of the five riders in the Jordanian team are women. No other Middle Eastern country has such a large female contingent.

"It is my belief that they can and will make of their lives what they wish to," said the Princess of women in other Arab countries. "It is up to them what they wish to achieve," she said in earlier statements.

The Princess aims to make the Asian Games her next step to competing in the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996.

Chinese swimmer breaks world 200 medley record

Asian Games

HIROSHIMA (AP) — Multitalented swimmer Lu Bin broke a world record Friday as China's Asian Games gold medal juggernaut stretched from the pool to the softball backstroke.

Meanwhile, the first positive drug test of the games was reported. A Thai soccer player was found to have taken amphetamines, news reports in Japan and Thailand said. Defender Sirisak Kadalee's team has lost all three of its games so far in the soccer tournament and was out of quarterfinal contention.

India won its first gold of these games by blanking Indonesia in the men's team tennis final.

In their heated battle for second place in the medals race — far behind China's 54 golds — South Korea and Japan each picked up three golds Friday and were tied at 20.

The Chinese captured 11 golds Friday — six in swimming, where their women remain unbeaten after 12 races; two in weightlifting, and one each in fencing, shooting and softball.

In the men's 200 butterfly, China's Xue Wei and Zhang Bin tied for the gold in 2:01.47. Hu Bin won the 50-metre freestyle in a games record 22.76 seconds, with Kazakhstan's Alexei Horvatin second in 23.12.

South Korea won two in shooting and one in women's volleyball. Japan won its gold in equestrian, swimming and shooting competition.

China had 97 medals in all, to 72 for Japan, 40 for South Korea and 15 each for Kazakhstan and Taiwan.

Swimmer Lu brought her own medal count here to three golds and two silvers by leaving the competition be-

The South Koreans added triumphs in women's air rifle shooting as Lee Eun-Ju took the individual title and helped her team win gold too.

Based on qualifying scores that included two individual and one team games records, the South Koreans also were in a strong position to win a gold in women's individual archery competition Saturday.

Japan and China split honors in the men's free pistol event. Japanese policeman Masaru Nakashige won the individual gold, but China took the team title.

India's gold in tennis came when Asif Ismail downed Indonesia's Suwandi 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3 and Leander Paes drubbed Benny Wijaya 6-1, 6-3 in singles. Zeeshan Ali Syed and Gaurav Natakar edged Wirawan Sugiharto and Donny Susseti 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the doubles.

China already had clinched the softball gold, and lost its final game 4-3 to Japan on an extra-inning run. That gave Japan the silver and left Taiwan the bronze.

The Chinese also won both the 64- and 70-kilogramme titles in men's weightlifting, and beat Japan 9-2 for the women's for team fencing gold.

Japanese riders picked up their third gold in equestrian competition, taking the team jumping event. Taiwan won the silver and Iran the bronze. The Japanese earlier had won the individual and team dressage titles.

Attendance at Asian Games is record low

ber 16.

The most popular sport has been gymnastics which drew 13,792 people followed by soccer with 13,156 and volleyball with 13,113 as of Thursday.

With the average daily ticket price 2,300 yen (\$23), organisers are far away from getting back even a fraction of the 150 billion yen (\$1.5 billion) spent to stage the event by building facilities like a new airport and main stadium.

Organisers would not comment on speculation that holding the games in a non-capital city like Hiroshima, which has a one million population, compared with previous venues like Beijing, Bangkok and New Delhi, was a key reason for the low turnout.

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Spanish Cultural Week

Under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor	
Oct 17	5:00 pm
	Inauguration of The Spanish Contemporary Engraving and Multiples Sculpture Exhibition at the National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jabal Al Webdeh (will remain open till Oct 30th)
8:30 pm	
	"Vicente Amigo" Modern Flamenco Jazz Concert with a wonderful dinner preceding the show Jordan Ballroom/Grand Ballroom, Forte Grand Amman JD30 Inclusive of tax and service
Oct 18	7:30 pm
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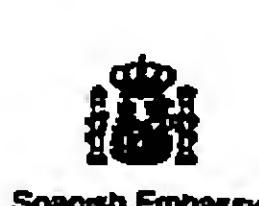
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Sports

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Germany, U.S. top Davis Cup seeds

LONDON (R) — Germany and the United States, both knocked out in the semifinals of the Davis Cup this year, were named as the top seeds for next year's competition Friday. The International Tennis Federation (ITF) said they had taken each country's cup pedigree and current player rankings into consideration in seeding Germany and the U.S. above this year's finalists Russia and Sweden. The Americans have won the cup record 30 times while Germany have triumphed three times since 1988. Russia and Sweden, who contest this year's final in Moscow in December, were named as joint third seeds for next Tuesday's draw in London. Australia and Spain were seeded joint fifth with the Czech Republic and the Netherlands completing the seeds. The World Group will also comprise Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Italy, South Africa and Switzerland. First-round ties will be played between Feb. 3 and 5 with the second round March 31-April 2, the semifinals on Sept. 22-24 and the final Dec. 1-3.

Netherlands beat U.S. in volleyball

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The Netherlands rallied from a 2-1 deficit to beat the United States 5-15, 16-14, 10-15, 15-8, 15-11 Friday, ending the Americans' unbeaten streak and sending the Dutch to the final at the men's World Volleyball Championship. Both teams battled for the entire 2 1/2 hours with few mistakes on either side of the net and some of the most technical play so far in the championship. "The U.S. team was very good, they didn't make any mistakes. They didn't give away any points... today we are the luckiest team in the world," Dutch captain Peter Blanke said. His coach Joop Alberda agreed that his team came close to losing a few times and pointed to the critical third set as the turning point. "We struggled at the beginning, which was not because of a deficit from our team but because of the great playing of the American team. We got into a lot of trouble in the third set but by the fourth the team had lost its negative energy," Alberda said.

Hamburg topple Werder Bremen

BONN (R) — Bulgarian internationals Yordan Letchkov and Petr Hubicev each scored in the first half to spur Hamburg to a 4-1 victory over Bundesliga leaders Werder Bremen Thursday. Bremen slipped to second behind Borussia Dortmund on goal difference and just ahead of Bayern Munich and Kaiseraultern in the top four, who all have 11 points. Bremen seized the lead through Russian striker Vladimir Bestchastnik after 11 minutes but gradually surrendered the initiative to neighbouring Hamburg. Goals by Letchkov and Hubicev tilted the balance and then Werder conceded an own goal by Andre Wiedener just before the break. Argentine striker Zarate completed Hamburg's tally after 79 minutes, his first goal of the season, leaving Hamburg unbeaten in six matches.

Sick Krabbe puts off training

BONN (AFP) — German sprinter Katrin Krabbe has put off a come-back training session because of a stomach infection, her trainers said Thursday. Krabbe, banned until August 1995 after a positive drugs test, was due to restart training with a ten-day session in France next week.

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SPOT CARDS TO THE RESCUE

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Aussies charge for home title

SYDNEY (AFP) — Patrick Rafter and Mark Woodforde boosted hopes for a long-awaited home victory in the Australian Indoor tennis championships with quarter-final victories here Friday.

Fifth seed Rafter rallied to overcome American Aaron Krickstein 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (7/2) and Woodforde fought back to beat Sweden's Nicklas Kulti 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

The advance of the two Davis Cup players added further weight to Cup captain John Newcombe's claim of an Australian men's tennis re-

vival.

It is the first time Australia has had two players in the semifinals here since Ken Rosewall and Geoff Masters in 1978. No Australian has won the title since Masters in 1976.

But the pair face formidable hurdles in the semifinals.

21-year-old Rafter is to play seventh-seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek and Woodforde to meet the winner of the match between second seed Boris Becker of Germany and American Jonathan Stark.

Former world number B Krajicek comfortably accounted for American Jeff Tarango 6-1, 7-5, his 14 aces taking his tally from three matches to 45 and he has yet to drop a set.

Rafter, ranked 22, played out a thrilling deciding set with 45th-ranked Krickstein. It went with serve until the Australian produced a stream of winning volleys in the tie-breaker.

"I don't mind going to tie-breakers. I know the other guy is going to have to play well because when it gets tight I go for it," said Rafter.

"I don't mind that tag of being the Next Australian Hope. I just have to try and put it out of my mind."

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European Indoor

Second seed Pierce too strong for young Hingis



Mary Pierce

shots. But her service game was very poor today. With improvement and in time, I am sure she can hold her own. And continuing nervousness contributed a lot to her defeat especially in the second set."

Hingis said she was sorry she had disappointed her numerous fans.

Asked to compare her performance against Fendick and Pierce, she replied: "I can see the difference now when you play someone from the top ten."

"Their shots are more solid and they can just go on and on hitting the ball. I hope to do better next time."

Nathalie Tauziat, 26, the former French number one, who plays Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic in the second round, was perfectly placed to compare Hingis with Jennifer Capriati who turned pro at an even younger age than Hingis, in 1990.

Tauziat, who lost to Capriati 23 days before her 14th birthday at Boca Raton, Florida, four years ago, practiced with Hingis in Zurich and said afterwards Capriati was better at 14.

She said: "Hingis has a good backhand but seems to have problems with her forehand on the fast surface. She reads the ball very well, has good anticipation and hits the right shot at the right time.

Fortunately for us, she still has some weaknesses, otherwise it would be very serious for us."



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Kuwait and warned Baghdad against a new invasion of the emirate. An Iraqi government statement said the troop movements were an internal Iraqi affair and rejected the U.S. warning (see page one) (AFP photo)

Morocco prepares for economic summit

RABAT (R) — King Hassan has invited 50 governments from the Middle East and North Africa to an economic conference in Morocco later this month which could lay the basis for a future common market, a senior official said on Friday.

"The conference is unprecedented... it aims to create the conditions and environment to extend the peace process by a process of economic and social development in the area," a senior palace source told Reuters.

He said more than 30 heads of state or government had accepted invitations, including a high-powered Israeli delegation led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and senior Palestinian leaders.

The Middle East/North Africa Economic Summit, sponsored by U.S. President Bill Clinton and Russian leader Boris Yeltsin, will be held in Casablanca from Oct. 30 to Nov. 1.

It grew out of the Middle East peace process which began in Madrid in 1991 and eventually led to the peace agreement between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel in Washington in September last year.

The main items on the conference agenda are creation of a regional development bank with initial capital of \$10 billion, a common market and international investment guarantees.

The conference will also discuss water resources, irrigation, industrial and agricultural development, public works, civil aviation, tourism

U.S., N. Korea push ahead in nuclear talks

GENEVA (R) — U.S. and North Korean officials pushed ahead on Friday in high-level negotiations to reshape Pyongyang's disputed nuclear programme, a Casablanca declaration be published outlining objectives...." the source said.

He said it would be a "turning point because Middle East peace cannot mean anything without a quality change in the daily lives of the population of the region."

They were each accompanied by three top experts for the talks being held at Pyongyang's diplomatic mission in Geneva.

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